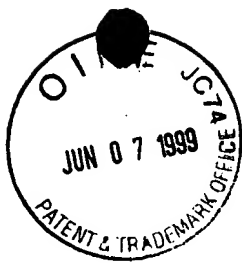


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Title: METHOD FOR PROTECTING SURFACES FROM ARTHROPOD INFESTATION

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 4, 1999. Accompanying this paper is a petition for an extension of time and a Terminal Disclaimer. Kindly enter the following amendments.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims in the below indicated manner.

1. (Twice amended) A method for protecting surfaces from arthropod infestation which comprises applying to said surface an effective amount of a slurry comprising one or more particulate materials selected from the group consisting of

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